

Become a DIRT (soil) DETECTIVE!

Soil is the OFFICIAL name for plain old dirt!

First, Go outdoors...

Scoop out some soil and sit down with it. Use your fingers or a stick to sort through it:

1. **Sand** is made of tiny bits of **rock**. Can you find sand in your soil sample?
2. Does your soil have much clay? **Clay** is sticky and sticks together; it also feels moist.
3. How many **living creatures** can you find?
4. Did you know most living organisms in soil are so tiny we can't see them without a microscope?
5. Draw the things you found in your soil. It's okay to use your imagination.

